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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

EVANSVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR ESCAPE FROM A COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS FACILITY HOUSING FEDERAL PRISONERS

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that RAFAEL T. EVANS, 29, of Evansville, Indiana, was sentenced to 18 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Richard L. Young following his guilty plea to escape. This case was the result of an investigation by the United States Marshal Service.

EVANS admitted that on November 30, 2005, he left the Evansville, Indiana, Volunteers of America residential community corrections facility without authorization while serving a term of imprisonment imposed by the United States District Court for the Southern District of Indiana for the offense of felon in possession of a firearm. EVANS was assigned by the Bureau of Prisons to serve the end of his fifty-seven (57) month sentence in the

residential facility. On November 30, 2005, only two days after his arrival, EVANS left the facility and never returned. He remained a fugitive until his arrest on April 26, 2006.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Todd S. Shellenbarger, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge Young also imposed 3 years supervised release following EVANS' release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, EVANS must submit to drug testing.

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